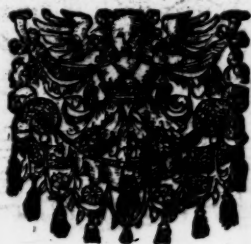


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the Decayes of the Cathedral
Church of St. PAVL in
LONDON, and for the re-
pairing of the same,



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CHARLES
by the grace of
GOD King of
England, Scot-
land, France, &
Ireland, Defen-
der of the Faith, &c.

To Our trustie and welbeloned

A 3

Sir

Sir ROBERT DVCIE, Baro-
net, Lord Maïor of the City of
London, and to the Lord Maïor
of the said Citie for the time
being.

To the most Reuerend Father
in God, Our right trustie and right
welbeloued Counsellor, GEORGE,
Lord Archbishop of Canterbu-
ry, Primate of all England, and
Metropolitane, and to the Lord
Archbishop of Canterbury for the
time being.

To Our right trustie and right
welbeloued Counsellor, THOMAS
Lord COVENTRIE, Lord Kee-
per

per of the great Seale of England; and to the Lord Chancellor of England, and Lord Keeper of the Great Seale of England for the time being.

To the most Reuerend Father in GOD, Our right trustie and welbeloued Counsellor, SAMUEL, Lord Archbishop of Yorke, Primate of England, and Metropolitane, and to the Lord Archbishop of Yorke for the time being.

To Our right trustie and right welbeloued Counsellor, RICHARD, Lord WESTON, Lord high
Trea-

*Treasurer of England, and to the
Lord high Treasurer of England
for the time being.*

*To Our right trustie and right
welbeloued Cousins & Counsellors,
HENRY Earle of Manchester,
Lord Keeper of Our Priuy Seale,
and to the Lord Keeper of Our
Prinie Seale for the time being.*

*ROBERT Earle of Lindsey,
Lord high Chamberlaine of Eng-
land; and to the Lord high Cham-
berlaine of England for the time
being.*

*THOMAS Earle of Arun-
del*

del and Surrey, Earle Marshal
of England; and to the Earle
Marshal of England for the time
being.

PHILIP Earle of Pembroke
and Mountgomery, Lord Cham-
berlaine of Our Household, and to
the Lord Chamberlaine of Our
Household for the time being.

To Our right trustie and right
welbeloued Cousins and Counsel-
lors, THEOPHILVS Earle of
Suffolke, Lord Warden of the
Cinque-Ports.

EDWARD Earle of Dorset,
B Lord

*Lord Chamberlaine to our dearest
Consort the Queene.*

**WILLIAM Earle of Salis-
bury.**

WILLIAM Earle of Exeter.

JAMES Earle of Carlile.

HENRY Earle of Holland.

HENRY Earle of Danby.

**EDWARD Viscount Wim-
bledon.**

**DUDLEY Viscount Dorche-
ster**

ster, one of Our principall Secretaries of State; and to Our principall Secretarie of State for the time being.

THOMAS Viscount Wentworth, Lord President of Our Councell established in the North.

And HENRY Viscount Faulkland.

To the right Reuerend Fathers in God Our right trustie and welbeloued Counsellors, WILLIAM Lord Bishop of London, and RICHARD Lord Bishop of Winchester; and to the Bishops
B 2 of

*of London and Winchester for
the time being.*

*To the right Reuerend Fathers
in God, I O H N Lord Bishop of
Ely, and F R A N C I S Lord
Bishop of Norwich,*

*To Our right trustie and welbe-
loued Councillours, E D V V A R D
Lord Newburgh Chancellour of
Our Duchie of Lancaster; and
to the Chancellour of the Duchie
of Lancaster for the time being.*

*Sir T H O M A S E D M V N D S,
Knight, Treasurer of Our Hou-
shold; and to the Treasurer of Our
Houshold*

Houſhold for the time being.

Sir HENRY FANE, Knight,
Comptroller of Our Houſhold; and
to the Comptroller of Our Houſhold
for the time being.

Sir THOMAS IERMIN,
Knight, Vice-Chamberleine of
Our Houſhold; and to the Vice-
chamberleine of Our Houſhold for
the time being.

Sir IOHN COKE, Knight,
one of Our principall Secretaries of
State; and to Our principall Se-
cretaries of State for the time
being.

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Sir

Sir FRANCIS COTTINGTON, Knight, Chancellor and Vnder-treasurer of Our Exchequer; and to the Chancellour and Vnder-treasurer of the Exchequer for the time being.

Sir ROBERT NAVNTON, Knight, Master of Our Court of Wards and Liueries; and to the Master of the Court of Wards and Liueries for the time being.

And Sir IVLIVS CÆSAR, Knight, Master of the Rolles; and to the Master of the Rolles for the time being.

*To Our trustie and welbelo-
ued, Sir NICHOLAS HYDE,
Knight, chiefe Justice of the Pleas
before Vs to bee holden ; and the
chiefe Iustice of the Pleas before
Vs to bee holden for the time
being.*

*Sir THOMAS RICHARD-
SON, Knight, chiefe Iustice of Our
Court of Common Pleas ; and to
the Chiefe Iustice of Our Court of
Common Pleas for the time being.*

*Sir HENEAGE FINCH,
Knight, Recorder of Our City of
London ; and to the Recorder of
the Citie of London for the time
being.*

Sir

Sir ROBERT HEATH,
Knight, Our Attourney generall:
 And Sir RICHARD SHELTON,
Knight, Our Sollicitor Generall;
and to Our Attourney and Sollicitor
generall for the time being.

And Sir HENRY MARTIN,
Knight, Judge of the Prerogative
Court of Canterbury; and to the
Judge of the Prerogative Court
of Canterbury for the time
being.

To Our trustie and welbeloued,
 Sir WILLIAM BVLSTROOD,
Knight, Sir THOMAS MID-
DLETON, Knight, Aldermen
of

of the said Citie of London.

Sir HENRY SPILLER,
Knight.

Sir ROBERT PYE, Knight.

Sir HUGH HAMERSLEY,
Knight, Alderman of the said
Citie of London.

Sir JAMES CAMBEL, Knight,
Alderman of the said Citie of
London.

THOMAS WINNIFFE,
Doctor in Diuinitie, Deane of the
Cathedral Church of Saint Paul
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*in London, or to the Deane of
the said Church for the time being.*

NICHOLAS RAYNTON.

RAPH FREEMAN.

ROVVLAND HEYLIN.

ROBERT PARKHVRS.

RICHARD FENN.

Sir MAVRICE ABBOT,
Knight.

HENRY GARVVAY, and
WILLIAM ACTON *Knight*
and

*and Baronet, Aldermen of Our
said Citie of London.*

I O H N M O V N T F O R D,
Doct̃or in Diuinitie.

H E N R Y K I N G, *Doct̃or in
Diuinitie, Residentiaries of the Ca-
thedral Church of St. Paul afore-
said; and to the Residentiaries of
the said Church for the time being.*

To Our trustie and welbeloued,
F R A N C I S V I N D E B A N K E
*Esquire, one of the Clerkes of Our
Signet.*

W I L L I A M N O Y, *Esquire.*

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W I L L I A M

WILLIAM HACKVEL,
Esquire.

EDVWARD WYMARKE,
Esquire:

And ROBERT BATEMAN,
Esquire, Chamberleine of Our City
of London; and to the Chamber-
leine of the said Citie for the time
being, Greeting.

WE haue taken in-
to Our serious and
Princely considerati-
on, the present state
and great Decayes of the Cathe-
dral Church of St. Paul in Lon-
don,

don, the same being the goodliest Monument, and most eminent Church of our whole Dominions, and a principall ornament of that our Royall Citie, the Imperiall Seat and Chamber of this Our Kingdome, whither by reason of the neere Residence of Our Selfe and the chiefe and principall Officers of Our State and Courts of Iustice, there is continuall confluence both of Our owne Subiects, and of Ambassadors from forreine Princes, and other Strangers.

In respect whereof, and of Our zeale to Gods glory, and his Diuine Worship and Service in that goodly Church, and for the honour of Our

gouvernement, Wee haue an earnest desire and purpose to prouide by all possible meanes for the repaying and vpholding of that munificent structure, and restoring the same (as time and meanes shall by Gods blessing giue assistance) vnto the ancient beauty and glory of it, which by lying so many yeeres neglected is now become a worke of necessitie to be vndertaken.

And calling to minde the pious care and gracious intention of Our most deare and Royall Father King IAMES, to begin and set forward that Honorable and great Worke, who granted a Commission vnder the Great Seale of England

land to many of your selues. Our now Commissioners, and some others, with sundry good directions to that purpose, Wee haue resolved by Gods assistance, in pursuance thereof, to proceed to the ading and executing of that which by his late MAIESTIES decease was interrupted and out of the light taken from that Commission, and those beginnings, to put the same into the most probable way for the reall and substantiall effecting of Our Princely hope and earnest desire therein.

And duely weighing with our selues that as this chargeable Fabricke and goodly Pyle of building
could

could not in the first founding thereof but require both many yeeres of time, and large supplies of publike charitie, and yeerely contributions to sustaine the charge thereof: So the substantiall repaire and adorning of it intended by Us, is not to be effected out of any Rents, Reuenues or Possessions, which haue beene heretofore pretended to haue beene giuen, limited or appointed for the maintaining or repairing of the Fabricke of the said Church, concerning which, great and diligent inquirie was made vpon the said former Commission, but with little successe, neither will the same proue a worke suddenly to bee effected,

*lected, but will require both a great
 stocke of money, and Materials
 to begin the worke, and a constant,
 yeerely supply (and that for some
 good continuance of time) to bring
 it to an end. Wee therefore well
 knowing that the safe keeping of the
 moneyes and materials which shall
 be provided for so great a Worke,
 and the faithfull and frugall dispo-
 sing thereof for the good vse inten-
 ded and no other, are the first and
 principall things to bee settled there-
 in, to giue both Our Selfe and Our
 louing Subiects assurance of good
 successe, Doe hereby declare, and
 Our will and pleasure is, that all mo-
 neyes of all sorts to bee raised, had,*

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or

or recovered for the Worke afore-
 said, shall bee brought and paid
 into the Chamber of London, as
 the fittest and safest Chest where-
 into the same can be put, to be there
 surely kept and disposed apart by
 it selfe for the vse aforesaid, and
 to bee issued out from time to time
 for the said vse, in such manner
 as hereafter is by these presents
 mentioned.

And therefore Wee doe hereby
 will and require all and euery per-
 son and persons that haue or shall
 haue the Collection or bringing in
 of any summe or summes of money
 to the purpose aforesaid, that they
 pay the summe duely to the Cham-
 ber

ber of London; and also that the Lord Maior, Aldermen, Chamberleine, and other Officers of the same Citie to whom the same doth or shall appertaine, doe from time to time receiue the same to bee there kept and disposed of as aforesaid, and that they giue acquittances and discharges, to the parties of whom they receiue the same.

And Our further will and pleasure is, that the materials and provisions which already are, or shall from time to time bee brought in for that worke, shall be kept in such Storeyards, Houses and Places, and by such Officers as shall bee appointed for that purpose, according

ding to the true intent of these Presents: And not to bee issued out, spent or disposed of, but onely for the said publique use of repairing the Church aforesaid, according to such Warrants and Directions as shall from time to time bee giuen for the same by such as shalbe thereunto authorised by these Presents.

And whereas Wee vnderstand, that the right reuerend Father in God, GEORGE late Bishop of London, did in his life time, at his proper charge, provide and lay ready in or neere the Churchyard of the said Cathedrall Church, good store of large Purbeck-stones, for
and

and towards the reparations of the
said Church.

And that albeit by vertue of the
said Commission of our said deare
father, diligent search and enquiry
was made vpon view of the Eui-
dences pertaining to the Bishop of
London, and Deane and Chapter
of Pauls, yet it could not bee made
appeare, that any of the possessions
of the said Bishop and Deane
and Chapter, were giuen for the re-
payre of the said Church; Ne-
uerthelesse, you Our said Counsellor
the now Lord Bishop of London,
haue freely offered out of the de-
cayed Reuenues of that See, to
allow the summe of one hundred
D 3 Pounds

Pounds by the yeere, whiles you shall continue in it, towards the said Worke.

And Wee doubt not, but that the said Deane and Chapter, will of their owne good dispositions to so pious a worke, contribute thereunto, in a more franke and liberall manner, then upon the strictest enquire, they are or can be liable to doe. Our will and pleasure is, that as well the said prouisions of stones shall bee presently taken into the charge of such Officers, as shall bee appointed in that behalfe, as parcell of the Stocke of *Materialls*, provided for the good worke aforesaid. And also that the said one hundred

hundred pounds per annum, shall yeerely upon the seuenth day of October, (or on the morrow after, when the seuenth day falls out to be the Sunday) to bee duely payed in- to the Chamber of the said Citie of London, together with such other yeerely summes, as the said Deane and Chapter shall or wil contribute from time to time, for the vse aforesaid, according to Our pleasure generally before declared, for all monneys and Materialls, to be brought in to that purpose.

And because Wee are very confident, that many others of Our Nobilitie and louing Subiects, will bee ready to follow the good examples
afore-

aforesaid, by voluntary and liberall
 contribution, for raising a present
 Stocke to begin the worke withall,
 Our will and pleasure is, and Wee
 doe hereby giue and grant vnto you
 Our said right welbeloued Coun-
 sellor WILLIAM Lord Bishop
 of London, and to the Bishop of
 that Sea for the time being, full
 power and authoritie, to provide
 and keepe a Booke or Register
 (like vnto that Booke which was
 made and kept in Our said deare
 Fathers time to that purpose)
 wherein to take the seuerall Sub-
 scriptions of all such of Our No-
 bilitie, Bishops, Iudges, Sergeants
 and Counsellors at Law, Officers,
 and

and others of qualitie and abilitie,
 as shall willingly contribute to the
 said worke, for such seuerall summes
 as they shall in their Christian cha-
 ritie freely bestow in that behalfe,
 and to cause the moneys so subscri-
 bed, for to bee payd into the Cham-
 ber of London, as aforesaid, ac-
 cordingly.

And Our further will and plea-
 sure is, and We doe hereby straight-
 ly charge and command the Iudges
 of the prerogatiue Courts of both
 Prouinces, and the Vicars gene-
 rall, and other Officials of the se-
 uerall Bishopricks of this Our
 Kingdome and Dominion of
 Wales, that from hencefoorth
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they take speciall care out of such moneys as shall from time to time fall into their power vpon the deceases of any Our louing Subiects dying intestate (to bee distributed Pios vsus) to remember in that some conuenient proportion thereof bee assigned and set apart towards the supply of the said Worke, whereof the Bishops in their seuerall Diocesses are to take notice respectively, and to make Certificate thereof to the Bishop of London for the time being, at the end of e- uery fixe moneths, and withall to cause the moneys so reserued, to be sent vp and payd into the Chamber of London, within that time accordingly. And

And for a further supply of this great and chargeable Worke, which will necessarily require a generall and liberall Contribution of all Our able Subiects of the Kingdome to bee made by Our Letters patents to that purpose, but the same to bee drawn in a more speciall maner then ordinary Protections are wont to bee, according to the extraordinary nature of this case; Our will and pleasure is, and Wee doe hereby ordaine and appoint, that all such Letters patents in nature of Protections, as shall from time to time bee aduised and found needfull for the aduancing of the said
E 2 Worke,

Worke, shall bee made and granted under Our great Seale of England to that purpose, in such manner and by such Warrant and Direction, as hereafter in and by these Presents is declared.

*And to that end that an honorable and orderly course may bee taken for all thinges needfull for this weightie businesse, as well for taking an exact Suruey of the particular decayes of the said Church, and calculating the charge thereof, as for discovering and finding out of all such Legacies, Gifts, Bequests, Summes of Money, and other Profits, as haue beene heretofore, giuen or intended for
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the maintenance, repaying or adorning the said Church, as also for the safe and orderly collecting and bringing in of all such Moneys, as shall from time to time bee collected, had, raised, or recovered for that publique use, and of all Materials thereunto belonging, and the well disposing, issuing, and employing thereof, and orderly accounting for the same.

Wee reposing speciall trust and confidence in your approued Wisdomes, sincerities, and dexterities, haue made speciall choice of you, to be Our Commissioners, to see Our Will and pleasure herein declared, duely effected, and put into reall

Execution, not doubting, but by the Honourable care and iudgments of you the Lords of Our Priuie Counsell, and the diligence and faithfulnessse of you the Lord Bishop of London, and the Deane and Residentiaries of that Cathedrall Church, and the trust and forwardnesse of you the Lord Maior, Aldermen and Chamberlaine of Our said City of London, this great Worke shall by the helpe of many hands ioyned together in one way of integritie, be brought to a happy and glorious Conclusion.

Know ye therefore that We haue assigned and appointed you to bee Our Commissioners, and Wee doe
by

by these Presents giue full Power
 and Authoritie to you or any fixe
 or more of you (whereof three to
 bee of Our Priuy Councell, and
 the Bishop of London to bee al-
 wayes one) from time to time ei-
 ther by your owne view and Sur-
 uey, or by the aide and assistance of
 such skilfull workemen or other per-
 sons, as by you or any such fixe
 or more of you shall bee thought
 meete, to search, discouer, try, and
 finde the true state of the said
 Church, and the particular De-
 cayes thereof, as well in the
 Steeple as in the Body and other
 parts of the said Church, ei-
 ther in the Foundation, or in the
 Walls,

Walls, Pillars or Couerings thereof, in Stone worke, Timber worke, Lead, Iron, Glasse or otherwise howsoever. And what sorts and quantities of Stone, Timber and other materials the substantiall repaire of the same will require, and what the charge thereof will by probable estimate from time to time amount vnto, and what part of the Worke is fittest to bee first undertaken, and of most necessitie, and in what time the same may bee done, and what other parts to bee next set vpon in the times and yeeres subsequent, with the charge of each yeeres worke, and all other circumstances, whereby you may be informed

informed of the natures and sorts of the severall Decayes, and the meanes, time and charge of the repaire of the same.

And further Wee doe giue vnto you, or to any such fixe or more of you, as is aforesaid, full Power and Authoritie, as well by view of any Records, Bookes, Rolles, Euidences or Writings, or by examination of any witnesse or witnesses, or others upon Oath or without Oath, or by any other wayes or meanes, to enquire, examine, discover and finde out, what Legacies, Gifts, Bequests or summes of money haue beene heretofore giuen, raised, collected, leuied, or recei-
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ued for or towards the Reparations or adorning of the said Church and not imployed already to that purpose, and in whose hands the the same now are, and all other circumstances touching the same. And to aduise and consider by what meanes the same may bee brought in, and paid to the Chamber of our Citie of London, according to Our Direction before specified, and to put the said wayes and meanes into due and speedy execution.

And Wee doe also hereby giue vnto you Our said Commissioners, or to any such fixe or more of you, as is aforesaid, full Power and Authoritie from time to time to consult,

consult, aduise and agree of such forme and formes of Letters Patents to bee granted in the nature of protections for publique Collections to be made within Our said Realme of England and Dominion of Wales, of the charities of Our louing and well-disposed Subiects towards the Worke aforesaid, to bee collected and brought into the Chamber of Our said Citie, reciting therein so much of the Premisses as shall bee found needfull, and putting therein such other necessarie Clauses as you shall conceiue most likely to aduance the Collections and Contributions to be made thereupon, which said Let-

ters Patents of Protection so to be
 advised and agreed vpon vnder the
 hands of such sixe or more of you, as
 is afore said, We will and command
 you Our said Keeper of Our Great
 Seale now being, & the Lord Chan-
 cellor of England, and the Lord
 Keeper of Our great Seale of Eng-
 land for the time being, to passe un-
 der Our great Seale of England,
 without any further or other War-
 rant from Us to bee procured or ob-
 tained in that behalfe : And these
 presents shall bee vnto you, and
 them, and euey of them, a suffici-
 ent Warrant and Discharge for
 the same.

And whereas We well know that
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in the managing of so great a Worke
 there will necessarily fall out
 many other particulars to bee set-
 led and agreed upon, for the order-
 ly and frugall governing and gui-
 ding of the Receipt and Issuing of
 the moneys and Materials for
 the same, and the exact keeping of
 the accompts of both; Our will and
 pleasure is, and Wee doe hereby
 giue full power and authority unto
 you, or to such sixe or more of you,
 as is aforesaid, upon conference
 together, to agree vpon, and appoint
 what Surueyours, Paymasters,
 Clarkes and other Officers shall
 be employed, aswell in the keeping
 of the stores and Materials, as in

doing any other thing concerning the premises, and to minister unto all, or any of them, whom you or any such six or more of you shall thinke fit, such oath or oathes, for the due performance of the seuerall imployments, charges and trusts to them, or any of them to be committed, as to you, or any such six or more of you shall be thought reasonable and convenient; and to consider of, aduise and agree, in what manner the bookes and accounts both for the moneys to be brought into the said Chamber of London, and the materials and prouisions to be brought into the Stores, shall be from time to time kept and controlled, audited, trans-

transcribed and certified from time
time ; And to make and set
downe particuler orders and instru-
ctions, aswell for the issuing of the
monyes from the Chamber of
London, to the Paymasters, who
are to be imployed in the payment
of moneyes for wages, materials,
prouisions, cariages, or otherwise
concerning the said workes; as also
for each seuerall mans charge and
imployment therein, and to aduise,
treat and consider of all other
things, wayes and meanes for
the aduancement and furtherance
of his great and emnient worke, be-
ing of so much consequence for pre-
uenting the dishonour which by
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the neglect of so ancient a Monument might fall upon Vs, and the whole Nation, and to put the same waies and meanes into speedy and due execution; for the doing of all which, these Presents shall bee your sufficient warrant and discharge.

And We doe further hereby giue full power and authority vnto you, or any such Sixe or more of you, as is aforesaid, to consult, aduise and consider of meet orders, ordinances and constitutions, for the better preservation and maintenance of the said Cathedrall Church in time to come; and for the suppressing and preuenting of all present and future annoy-

annoyances, purprestures and encroachments, which doe or shall tend to the damage, hurt, blemishing or disgrace of the said Church: And the same orders, ordinances, and constitutions being reduced into writing, to present unto Us, to the end that the same being by Us perused and considered of, may receiue Our royall approbation and allowance, with such further order from Us for the strengthening of the same, by Our owne Royall signature, or otherwise as Wee shall find meet.

And Wee doe hereby giue full power and authority vnto you, or to any such fixe or more of you, as

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is aforesaid, to cause all and euery person and persons, whom you shall thinke good, to bring and shew before you, or any such fixe or more of you, either vpon oath, or without oath, all and singular such Records, Bookes, Euidences, Accompts, and other Notes and Writings, as you or any such fixe or more of you shall thinke fit to bee produced; whereby the truth in the premisses may the better and more plainely bee found out and discovered. And for your more ease and expedition in the execution of this Our Commission: Our Will and Pleasure is, and Wee doe hereby Charge and Command, that all
such

such Surveyors, Aduaries, Registers, Officers and Ministers whatsoeuer, which you or any such sixe, or more of you shall thinke fit and require, shall be readie and attendant vpon you, or any such six or more of you, for the doing and performing of any thing necessary to bee done in the execution of this our Commission.

And to the intent that your doings and proceedings in the premises may be the more firme and inuolable, and may remaine in perpetuall memory for the good of the said Church in time to come; Our will and pleasure is that you, or any such Sixe or more of you,

as is aforesaid, shall make certificate thereof into our Court of Chancery, that the same may there remaine of Record.

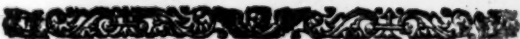
And lastly Our pleasure is that this our Present Commission, shall continue in force: and Wee doe hereby authorise you our said Commissioners, or any such Sixe or more of you, as is aforesaid, to proceed in the execution thereof, and of all and euery matter and thing therein contained, from time to time, and as often as you, or any such Sixe or more of you shall thinke conuenient: albeit the same Commission

mission bee not from time to
time continued by Adiourne-
ment.

In witnesse whereof, Wee haue cau-
sed these Our Letters to bee
made Patents : Witnesse Our
selfe at Canbury the tenth
day of Aprill in the seventh
yeere of our Reigne.

at this point the road is closed

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 Government has been unable to secure
 the necessary funds to carry out its
 policy of non-interference in the
 internal affairs of the country.



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